

ARIZONA STATE PARKS

Media Advisory

Managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our Parks and through our Partners.

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The Arizona State Senate recently confirmed parks professional Sue Black as the new Executive Director of the Arizona State Parks department.

"I am proud to be back in Arizona again to lead the Arizona State Parks department," said Black. "Our Governor has articulated to the agencies that he wants Arizona to be known worldwide as a place to live, work, play and retire and you know that mission dovetails with what Arizona State Parks offers visitors everyday."

With more than 24 years of professional park experience, Ms. Black comes to Arizona with many accolades for her prior successes in the parks. She previously served as director of the Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture; director of Wisconsin State Parks; chief of operations for Arizona State Parks; chief of operations for Dane County Parks Department (Madison, WI); director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Portage, WI; and director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Green Lake, WI.

Ms. Black has received numerous acclamations for her successes in the management of parks and in public service, including the prestigious National Gold Medal Award for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management from the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Public Policy Norman R. Gill Award for excellence in public service.

Affiliations include the International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration; National Recreation and Park Association; Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association; Arizona Park and Recreation Association; and National Association of State Park Directors, among others.

Ms. Black holds a Bachelor of Science in recreation resources management from the University of Wisconsin, and earned a Master of Arts in education and recreation from the University of Phoenix.

The Arizona State Parks department oversees 32 State Parks, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the State's Recreational Trails programs. The agency also distributes grants to communities for land acquisition and outdoor recreation projects.

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